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After 11 Months, IT Exec Returns

By JESSICA MASULLI
Staff Writer

Just weeks after the demotion and resignation of Khalil Yazdi, UMW announced Dana Byer German as the replacement vice president for Information Technology and chief information officer.

German, who left her position in May 2009 after serving for 14 years as the executive director of Data Management and Information Systems, is returning to UMW, according to a press release sent yesterday by George Iannarone.



Courtesy of umw.edu
Dana Byer German

"We could not have found a better candidate for this key position," Acting President Rick Hurley said in the press release. "Dana has the technical expertise, management skills and in-depth knowledge of the university and our people. I am delighted she will rejoin our faculty staff."

German has 20 years of experience in the information technology field, as well as many years of experience at UMW.

"I feel privileged to be returning to Mary Washington, and I look forward to working with the many wonderful people that make the university such a special place," German said in the press release.

The Bullet reported that Yazdi was investigated for not appropriately following Virginia laws when purchasing computer software. Yazdi was demoted on Hurley's first day as acting president, leaving the position open. Yazdi then resigned a week later.

The allegations made against Yazdi through a state employee fraud, waste and abuse hotline were found to be substantiated by UMW Director of Internal Audit Tera Kovanes, according to an audit report.



Students walking down Campus Walk. With talks of expansion, some students are concerned about the impact it may have on student life and other aspects of UMW.

Under Hurley, Enrollment May Rise by 400 to 1,000

By COURTNEY WOODBURN
Staff Writer

As Acting President Rick Hurley gets ready to step officially into the role of president, he faces a pressing question: How much should the University of Mary Washington expand student enrollment?

According to Hurley in an interview with the *Bullet*, the university is currently in a process to complete a master plan that looks at two models for student enrollment growth. The first model investigates the maximum use of academic buildings already on campus to provide room for 400 to 450 new students without being overcrowded, according to Hurley.

The second model investigates what new buildings would be needed for a 1,000-student increase.

According to the College Board, there are 4,258 degree-seeking undergraduates and 983 graduate students enrolled at the university.

The Board of Visitors is looking into growing beyond the 4,000, Hurley said.

"We have had a self-imposed unofficial cap at 4,000 for this campus,"

Hurley said. "We ought to think about adding a few more students, as long as that doesn't destroy the character of the institution. Next year I will probably ask them to make a decision that we can move up to, let's just arbitrarily say, 4,500 [undergraduate] students over the next five years."

An increase in student population would demand more professors.

"As the number of students increase, the number of faculty would most certainly increase," Doug Searey, vice president of student life, said. "Part of our core values at UMW are small class sizes and close student-teacher relationships."

"We want to maintain the 'small school feel,'" Lawrence Webb, assistant dean of admissions, said. "We pride ourselves on small class sizes and a high level of interaction between professors and students."

"It's a complex issue, because once you say you're going to increase enrollment, then what is it you're going to do to make your institution special so that more students want to apply?" Hurley said.

In response, the University is plan-

ning changes to academic programs and campus facilities. Due to lower-than-expected numbers of students signing up for campus housing contracts for the upcoming school year, plans for the fall include closing Mason and Randolph Residence Halls for renovation. This will be made possible by the addition of Eagle Village, which provides housing for about 400 additional students.

According to the school Web site, the University has spent \$115 million constructing Phase One of Eagle Village.

As well as a proposed increase in students, Hurley would like to see renovation of campus dining facilities and the Woodard Campus Center. Seacocheck is going to be too small for a growing population on campus, Hurley said.

While there may be wide-scale growth in the works, university administrators are firm in their desire to maintain high academic standards.

"We have no intention of compromising academics to increase numbers," Martin Wilder, dean of

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Students Fight in Summer Job Hunt

By BULLET STAFF
Staff Writers

After two months and filling out 25 job applications, Kelsey Conway, a sophomore at the University of Mary Washington, finally found a job working at Wally's Ice Cream downtown. Now working for \$7.50 an hour, just above minimum wage, Conway is one of the lucky ones.

Senior economics major Brian Fulton searched for a job off campus for nearly a month.

"I even applied to be a barn hand, but apparently I wasn't qualified enough to scoop manure and throw hay around," said Fulton. "That's when I got discouraged."

The sluggish national economy has hurt student employment prospects. While the U.S. Department of Labor reports that 162,000 jobs were created in March, the Frederickshurg unemployment rate stands at 10.7 percent. That is substantially higher than the Stafford County unemployment rate, which sits at 6.5 percent.

The current state of the economy has caused an increase in the number of students who want to work on-campus. Angie Pitzer, the campus employment supervisor at UMW's Financial Aid Office, stated that she has seen an increase in the number of students applying for student employment compared to years in the past.

Getting an on-campus job at UMW can be competitive, though. Pitzer said that while UMW usually employs around 650 students per year, approximately 400 student employment applications were turned down this year.

However, she added that these numbers can fluctuate throughout the year. Some students may quit mid-semester, and there are students still wanting jobs. Pitzer stated that there may be over 700 student workers at different times during the year.

This year, Pitzer said that more students are keeping their jobs semester-to-semester, rather than quitting. This trend keeps the number of employees up, but also decreases the number of open positions. Students turned down are kept on a waiting list.

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Confusion Arises Over Census Count

By MARY WILKERSON
Staff Writer

The 2010 Census has created confusion at Mary Washington as to how university students are counted, particularly for those living on campus.

The census is currently underway, with new, shorter forms featuring the catch phrase "ten questions in ten minutes."

How college students are counted varies according to where they reside, according to the official census Web site. Students living both on campus and off campus who reside at their parents during vacation are "counted at the on-campus or off-campus residence where they live and sleep most of the time."

Students living at their parents' home who commute to school are counted as part of their parents' household. Foreign students living in the United States are counted in the same manner as U.S. students, while U.S. students studying abroad are not counted at all.

Census Bureau workers are supposed to coordinate with the Residence

Life staff between April 1 and May 21 to distribute forms for students living on campus to fill out.

"I received a census form at my residence. It indeed was separate from my parents, as I live in a different state than them," Kevin Olson, a senior who lives off campus, said.

Olson said students should fill out a census form for themselves, since they spend the majority of the year at the school, rather than at their parents' house.

"As a result [of living here], they have more of an impact on the community surrounding the school than the location they might call home," Olson said.

The students who live on campus were less sure about how and where they are counted.

"I didn't fill out my own census form because I was never sent one, nor was I ever approached about filling out a form," Elisabeth Hancock, a senior who resides on campus, said.

Juniors Samantha Notti, Hoang Phuong and Annie Unger, who are all

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UMW to Offer Summer Enrichment Programs

By KATHLEEN FABIE
Staff Writer

There will be some new faces on the University of Mary Washington campus this summer as UMW hosts its first Summer Enrichment Program for rising high school juniors and seniors from the greater Frederickshurg area.

Developed by Professor Teresa Kennedy, chair of the English, linguistics and communication department, the courses will offer topics in English, mathematics and geography.

Professor Kennedy recently spoke about the program and its benefit to UMW.

"It has been on my to-do list for a while," Kennedy explained.

"With recent budget cuts in Virginia for summer Governor's School programs, it seemed like the right time," Kennedy said.

Kennedy added that since the program will draw "bright students," it can be a potential recruiting tool for the university.

Kennedy also saw other benefits

from the program.

It will "bring life to the university in the summertime," Kennedy said. She also stated that the Frederickshurg community sometimes thinks of

during the summer, have provided residence in dorms to the high school students who attend the programs. This allows students outside of the immediate college area to attend the classes.

For now, however, Kennedy said that UMW's program would not be a residential one, adding that it would bring a new layer of logistics and planning to the process.

"We'll see how it goes," Kennedy said, adding that if the program became a residential one in the future it would require "someone with experience in residential [aspects]. I could not do that by myself."

Kennedy said the classes would be small—

five or six students in each class. The classes will only be available to rising high school juniors and seniors and there will be no UMW students in the classes.

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Courses to be Offered for High School Students:

- Introduction to Creative Writing
- Geography and You: How to Investigate Your World
- Geometrical Art
- How to Solve It
- Crafting the Essay
- Cryptology
- SAT Writing and Math Prep Workshop

UMW as "that place up on the hill." She hopes a community program such as this will help "get people to think well of learning at UMW."

Other universities in Virginia, such as University of Virginia, which have offered similar enrichment programs



BEAT

By ANNE ELDER
Staff Writer

April 13- A UMW student reported that her license plate was missing from her car on Sunken Road.

April 13- A UMW student reported that on April 8, while waiting for a taxi at the Bell Tower, a man approached her. He asked the student if they were at the Bell Tower and said he was waiting for a ride as well. The man offered a ride to the student, but the taxi pulled up and the student got in. The incident was reported to the police when the student returned and decided to tell someone.

April 14- A UMW student filed a report complaining about a faculty member who yelled at her in regard to the student parking in the Faculty/Staff parking lot near Chandler Hall.

April 16- A UMW student filed a complaint regarding a loud party at the University Apartments. After further investigation, Residence Life staff shut down the party.

April 16- UMW Police responded to a call of a highly upset student in Randolph Hall. The student was turned over to Residence Life staff for assistance.

April 16- On a routine patrol, UMW Police noticed two intoxicated students on Campus Walk. When approached by the police, one student ran and the other stayed to talk with the police. Both students received administrative referrals.

April 16- UMW Police received a report from a UMW student that another UMW

student may have been sexually assaulted at an off campus location in Fredericksburg. The case was turned over to Fredericksburg Police for further investigation.

April 17- A UMW student was transported from the Battlegrounds to Mary Washington Hospital by Fredericksburg Rescue with a suspected broken leg.

April 17- A UMW student was transported from the Battlegrounds to Mary Washington hospital by Fredericksburg Rescue with a possible concussion.

April 17- Fredericksburg Rescue responded to a call from the Jepson Alumni Center, where an elderly guest was having breathing difficulties.

April 18- Residence Life staff requested UMW police assistance due to suspicions of marijuana use in Russell Hall. When police responded, the use of "heavy scent diffuser" in the area of suspected activity made the use and location of the marijuana unable to be confirmed.

April 19- A UMW student reported his bike missing. The bike was later located in a ditch behind Brent Hall.

This information was compiled with help from Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Community Services Susan Knick

Despite Rising Incidents, Library Violations Sparse

By LINDLEY ESTES
Staff Writer

While the rate of reported crime in Simpson Library has increased since last semester, instances of illegal activity remain rare.

According to Mark Sandor, executive director of university police and security services, campus police receives approximately four or five calls throughout the school year from the library, generally students calling about non-university visitors.

"On occasion, the call may involve a student feeling 'uncomfortable' about a non-university user, either due to the person's appearance or quirky behavior," Sandor said. "In the past, there has been an occasional complaint of an individual viewing pornography on a computer in violation of university & state policy. It's my understanding that the library staff has been working with IT staff to restrict access to the network."

The need to restrict network access came on Oct. 28, 2009 when a library patron was charged with possession of pornography; he was watching it on a first-floor computer, and was issued a trespass warning.

Another non-university user was reported on Jan. 29, 2009, when campus police were called to the Simpson Library for a suspicious person without pants on. This person happened to be 37-year-old Mika Engelhardt.

When asked why he did not have pants on, Engelhardt responded that his pants did not fit properly. He was also issued a trespass warning.

Sandor said that typically the police formally ban one or two non-university patrons per school year "and give verbal warning to another three to four."

This semester's reported crimes include assault and battery on campus walk at Simpson Library, grand larceny from the building and trespassing. All three of these incidents occurred at night. Only the last case has been cleared by arrest.

During the fall semester one count of vandalism was reported. The case is still pending. The other reported incident in the fall semester was possession of pornography.

Library staff sees vandalism most commonly, but the cases are rarely solved.

"Unless we catch vandals in the act, or they leave some sort of name behind, we cannot officially determine who made the

infractions," Sheridan Sayles, circulation desk aid and UMW sophomore, said. "Students are generally at fault in vandalism, and also take part in sexual crimes, though guest patrons and members of the public are often times also at fault."

However, outsiders are not the only perpetrators of crime.

Some infractions that do not necessarily seem illegal have gotten students in trouble in the past. Writing on the outside walls with chalk is considered vandalism and can be punishable by law.

Infringing on someone's right to study in a quiet, stable atmosphere by being too loud or distracting is also punishable by law.

Police officers check on the library throughout the day and evening as they conduct campus patrol activities. Also, security officers are always on duty in the evening as well as the hours of operation on Saturdays.

Students feel that Simpson Library is a safe place to study and few have witnessed suspicious activity.

"I think they are doing a pretty good job with security," sophomore Kelly Whelan said. "I've never felt unsafe."



Marie Nicola/The Bullet

The circulation desk at the library. The police department typically bans one or two non-university patrons from the library per school year.

Speakers Announced for UMW Graduation

By KATHLEEN FABIE
Staff Writer

Retired Virginia Senator John Chichester and Executive Vice President of Worldwide Creative Operations at Universal Pictures Daniel R. Wolfe have been named as speakers for the respective graduate and undergraduate commencement addresses for the University of Mary Washington graduation ceremonies.

Senator Chichester will be the speaker at the first commencement exclusively for graduate students. Chichester played a key role in the establishment of UMW's College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Chichester was born in Fred-

ericksburg, attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and served in the U.S. Army Reserves, according to a Virginia Senate Web site.



Former Virginia Senator John Chichester will be speaking at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies commencement on May 7.

Class of 1984 graduate and executive vice president of Worldwide Creative Operations at Universal Pictures, Dan Wolfe, will be speaking at the undergraduate ceremony on May 8, 2010.



Images courtesy of Marty Morrison

Chichester was elected to the Virginia Senate for seven consecutive terms beginning in 1978 where he served until his retirement in 2008. During his last eight years in the senate, Chichester served as president

pro tempore. Chichester chaired the Senate Finance Committee Subcommittee on Education and also chaired or co-chaired numerous other commissions and subcommittees related to higher education in Virginia.

It was noted in the release that at the time of his retirement, Chichester was the longest-serving Republican in the Virginia Senate.

Dan Wolfe is this year's undergraduate commencement speaker. Wolfe, a 1984 UMW

graduate, went on from Mary Washington to earn a postgraduate degree in communications industries management from Emerson College in Boston.

Students Counted in Dorms, Not at Home

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on-campus residents, also stated that they did not fill out census forms and had heard nothing about them.

Dr. Debra Schlee, chair of the department of sociology and anthropology, taught a course this semester on the census process.

"What I don't know is who is doing the counting—someone in residence life, each RA in the dorm, or perhaps the count is just determined from official forms in the housing office," Schlee said. "I think in general, not at UMW, but in general, institutional census counts are problematic. The counts are probably accurate, but not the information on the rest

of the census, especially with regards to race, where the norm of the census bureau has been self-identification for decades."

Christine Porter, director of Residence Life, was unavailable for comment.

The census is a long-standing practice that finds its roots in the Constitution. Article I, Section 2 lays the groundwork by declaring "[An] Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct."

The first census was conducted in 1790, with the 2010 census being the 23rd conducted in the history of the United States.

Correction

In the column last week "Confederate History Month Focuses on Civil War History not Legacy of Slavery", the Andersonville Prisoner of War camp was incorrectly attributed to the Union. It was a Confederate camp.

Viewpoints

Year Begins with Snow and Ends with Hurley

This year has been anything but quiet for UMW and the Bulletin. Amid record snowstorms and shifting administrations, the Bulletin had an avalanche of university news.

With over 19,000 visits to our Web site this semester, the university was kept informed daily on the latest in presidential machinations and Board of Visitor decisions.

The semester started quietly, though. We reported on the construction of the bridge over Route 1 and the changes to housing policy. The calmness was short lived.

February brought record snowfalls to Fredericksburg, shutting

down campus and almost halting the Bulletin. With editors stranded and classes cancelled, the Bulletin managed to get an edition on the newsstands.

A few weeks later, the Bulletin was hit by another storm—a Friday night phone call announcing that Judy Hample was resigning, effective June 30. This was a big problem since we did not have a print issue that week due to midterms

and Spring Break.

The Bulletin editors responded to one of the most difficult weeks of the semester with a four-page special edition that captured the community's response. With great cohesion, the editors collected revealing quotes from former presidents

and deans, as well as getting the first interview with Hample after she announced the resignation. The viewpoints section was filled with angry responses and tough questions about the future, as well as a timeline showing the last eight presidents. The excitement continued as Hample announced that she would step down three months earlier than planned.

Amid the chaos, the University reversed course on a decision to withhold phone

Brompton's Revolving Door



Staff Editorial

"There's a strange looking guy... he's harassing us and we're scared to get in our car."

—Judy Hample

records related to an emergency report Hample filed with campus police. After the Bulletin filed an information request and was denied twice, we contacted the Student Press Law Center to seek legal advice. The University released the video and phone call to the Bulletin in March.

The next few weeks brought about a much-needed change in administration and mood at the university. Hurley was

named as acting president, then named as the president in less than a month.

The Bulletin reported that Khalil Yazdi, the vice president for information technologies, had been investigated for not appropriately following Virginia laws when purchasing computer software. As one of Hurley's first decisions as acting president, Yazdi was demoted. Yazdi resigned a week later.

All of this news has attracted over 10,000

new visitors to our Web site this semester, and the Bulletin hopes to continue attracting new readers. This semester we had readers as far away as Madagascar, Ethiopia and Saudi Arabia, as well as readers from every state in the United States.

Hurley Named President Amiders. This Standing Ovation



Last week, the Bulletin won an award for 'Outstanding Web site' through the Office of Student Activities and Community Services. Receives \$73,160

With a new administration in place and already noticeable changes at UMW, the Bulletin will continue updating the campus next year. Good luck with final exams and the Bulletin will be back in August.

Despite Cons of Economy, Do What You Love To Do

I began to seriously consider Journalism as a career option when my dad gave me a copy of Bob Schieffer's "America," a collection that chronicles his career as a reporter from Nixon to the present. As I opened the book to check it out, I noticed it was inscribed, "To Emilie, Be a reporter!—Bob Schieffer." My dad had met Schieffer at a book signing and had asked him to write something inspirational for his daughter. It was a little blunt, but after a few Journalism classes I knew reporting was something I liked.

Almost two years and a recession later, I still love the field, but in the age of iPads and Kindles, my future is uncertain. As an English major, it is sad to think that the art and layout of newspapers, books and magazines may some day cease to exist. It's pretty safe to say that this was a major factor in deciding not to apply for Journalism school.

I write this final column with one last piece of advice to dispense. Despite the cons of this economy, despite the uncertainty of some career fields and the discouraging looks you get when you tell people what you want to do—keep doing what you love to do.

Your choice may require a second job and may not provide the six-figure salary you dreamed of, but you'll be happy. Our generation may be known as the "trophy generation," where everyone on the soccer team got an award for

just participating, but we are also one that takes overall happiness very seriously.

More people are beginning to take a few years off between their undergraduate and graduate careers, and though that might put the bigger paycheck on hold, they realize what they do and don't enjoy before rushing into a career path that's not right for them.

As I sit in Combs Hall at the close of the Kemp Symposium, writing this article, I am surrounded by a faculty that loves what they do. The respect and camaraderie they have for each other is obvious, and I hope that some day I can work at a place where these sentiments are echoed.

So what do I do now? Have I given up on the Journalism dream? Not at all. Though I'm currently focusing more on communication, I still hope to free-lance write, and continue to seek careers in journalism, along with public relations. Despite it not necessarily being for a newspaper or magazine, I will continue to write, even if it's in the form of press releases.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me come up with ideas for this column and encouraged me to find my own voice, especially Heather Brady, who did an excellent job coming up with the column's theme.

For now, I am still a Single, White, Unemployed Female, but a happy one.

SINGLE WHITE UNEMPLOYED FEMALE



By Emilie Begin

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Letter to the Editor:

Remembering Confederacy is Important, But Can Do More Harm than Good

When I first heard of McDonnell's statement turning April into 'Confederate History Month', all I could think was, "Really? Is that the biggest thing you have to think about as governor?" If only other governors could be so lucky!

While managing to dress it up with lots of pretty words and euphemisms, McDonnell's proclamation was still a rash, and even unnecessary move. Making such a statement is extremely alienating for a huge portion of people in this state, like African-Americans and people living here from the northern states; forgetting to include slavery does not help.

First of all, the worry that Virginians will forget their historically rich past, especially the Civil War, is greatly exaggerated. Being from a state that could learn a lesson on remembering history from its Virginian peers, I am already acutely aware that Virginia is below the Mason-Dixon Line. Also, I think most Virginians know on which side their state fought during the Civil War.

Furthermore, the state of Virginia has many reminders of its history from that period already. From statues of confederate heroes in Richmond, to names like our nearby Jefferson Davis Highway, there are plenty of reminders of its Confederate heritage. Is it really necessary to top the cake with one more?

In his proclamation, McDonnell called for Confederate history to "not be forgotten, but instead... studied, understood and remembered." This statement is rather vague (as is everything politicians say), but it is also irrelevant since there are already institutions, like national battlefields and museums (of which we have several in the immediate vicinity), that preserve, study and 'remember' the civil war quite fervently. It would seem that McDonnell is just trying to steal

their 'civil-war-remembering' thunder by making it sound like he thought of this clever idea first.

While this may seem like just a simple recognition of Virginia's past, for McDonnell, it could have repercussions on his political future. With all his talk about 'remembering', it is pretty embarrassing that he originally 'forgot' to mention that slavery was a significant factor for Confederate history in his proclamation.

This was a mistake that President Obama called "an unacceptable omission." Such an omission will not be quickly forgotten, and it may make some voters think twice about voting

for him. African Americans, a demographic that McDonnell's party desperately needs to reach, will certainly think twice.

Apologizing a few days later for his mistake was a necessary step, but McDonnell's original exclusion is still what will be remembered most. Causing such a stir so early in his term only creates political enemies more speedily that will 'remember' stuff like this when then next election comes around. But who knows? Maybe another governor might even

take the idea and run with it; who's to say that Maryland or Pennsylvania won't create a 'Union History Month'?

Remembering history is vital, but remembering certain parts more than others does more damage than good. Confederate sacrifices should be remembered, but forgetting the less noble aspects paints an inaccurate picture that distorts the real story. Whatever McDonnell is trying to accomplish with 'Confederate History Month', its one-sided approach to remembering history angers and estranges a decent portion of Virginia citizens. McDonnell should remember that and proceed with caution.

Calvin Sherwood is a Freshman

"The worry that Virginians will forget their historically rich past is greatly exaggerated."

—Calvin Sherwood

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Viewpoints

According to Amanda... Talking to Friends About Ecology Won't Leave Them Green with Envy

BY AMANDA BOCCUTTI
Columnist

Happy Earth Day! In honor of one of my favorite holidays (one of my majors is environmental science), I thought I'd write a little something about my evolution as an ecologically aware individual.

Or, as an ex-boyfriend once called me, the Environmental Grim Reaper.

It sounds harsh, but it's kind of true. I like to share what I learn and more often than not, what I learn is depressing.

I've made frantic calls to my parents urging them to recycle the plastic cover on their dry cleaning, pointed out that "new car" smell means we're just sucking back a bunch of volatile organic compounds, and once even convinced my family to watch "A Crude Awakening," on Christmas morning.

It has gotten to the point where when I call someone on the phone, they can sense that I'm about to ruin one of life's simple joys. They frankly say, "I'd rather not know."

Which is how I ended up navigating my journey to a Sigg water bottle.

It all started with my freshman roommate who incessantly drank water.

She claimed that in addition to making her skin luminous, she never felt healthier. At first I wasn't sold, but the thing about being around someone who drinks a lot of water is that you tend to become thirstier.

After quickly burning through the two cases of bottled water my mom made me bring with me, I realized that my habit was costly. Not only would one case of water per week drain my wallet and my biceps (lugging a case across Route 1 is more difficult than I suspected), but all those PET water bottles weren't exactly eco-friendly.

I dug through my closet and found a plastic water bottle. It was a Nalgene knock-off I had purchased on a whim and forgotten about.

For weeks I felt especially virtuous. My bright blue bottle followed me around everywhere and I regarded it as a sort of badge of honor. I was health conscious and eco-friendly.

Then I started reading about BPA, a chemical that is thought to be an endocrine disruptor. Apparently, BPA is a common chemical in plastic and it leaches into water contained inside the plastic—like water in a water bottle.

Of course, my trusty bottle happened to be the worst offender: #7. I immediately disposed of my bottle and searched for an alternative. After some research, I decided on Sigg, a Swiss brand that makes stainless steel bottles decorated in lead-free paint.

When my Sigg finally arrived, I couldn't help but feel excited. It was cool, recyclable, and completely safe—until I didn't clean it for a few weeks.

Siggs have extremely small bottle openings that make it difficult to use a regular sponge. I didn't purchase the Sigg brand bottle brush on principle because it was unreasonably pricey. Instead, I decided that swishing around some dish soap would do the trick.

It didn't. After a month my Sigg not only smelled like an aquarium, but looked like one, too. After trying to remove the algae from the bottom of my bottle, I decided it was time to retire it and get a new one.

The moral of my story? Being eco-friendly is not as easy as I thought it would be. In fact, it's downright stressful. But hey, at least I'm never at a loss for conversation starters. Even if they are, well, grim.

Summer's Distance Doesn't Have to Sink Relationships

It is almost time for summer! It's the last week of classes and things are all winding down. This week we're going to review everything we've written about this semester because they all apply over the summer too! Time management, meeting new people, finding the one, handling fights, getting back together, long distance relationships, compromising and listening, setting up boundaries, surviving semester crunches, date ideas and how to show that special someone you care.

Summer is still a time where you can refine your time management skills because you'll likely have to balance a summer job with other activities. It's good practice for when you're back in the fall! Luckily you won't have too many deadlines to worry about,

but if you do, keep our tips in mind! Don't procrastinate. Keep an eye out for classes you might be taking that will require some over the summer work so you won't be blindsided on day one.

One of the things you're going to have to balance this summer, just as you would during school, is friends. Summer opens up plenty of new possibilities to get in touch with all sorts of new people. Don't be afraid to look like an idiot if one of those people happens to be a romantic prospect. Go for it! He or she might be the one.

At the same time, don't forget about the friends you already have. Just because you might be miles away doesn't mean that you shouldn't keep in touch. The friends you made this year will still be your friends next year if you keep the

connection going strong.

That brings us to long distance relationships. Don't give up! You can keep up what you already started if you both try and want to. It's difficult, sure, but remember to do things that you both enjoy together, even if you're miles apart.

You can video chat and watch a TV show together and still see each other's reactions as if you were right next to him or her.

If the two of you do get into a fight, don't just give up because of the distance. Take the time to realize how difficult your situation is. Then, if you both decide to continue the relationship, make the effort to do so.

Being apart doesn't mean that they aren't thinking about you. Also, it's a perfect time to put our tips for showing someone you care into effect!

Write that love letter!

Send a little thinking of you box! Distance doesn't have to kill what you have already worked so hard to find and have!

Getting back home and getting back into the swing of a different routine might mean you end up clanging swords with family and friends. Just remember what we taught you and you should be fine. Remember that above all else, remain calm and think it through. No rash decisions. Keep your head!

It's been an absolute pleasure writing for the *Bullet* this semester. We don't know if we'll be writing again in the fall, so keep in mind all we tried to teach you! Have an awesome summer!

Boy Meets Girl



By Bryant Matera and Kat Dickinson

Money Spent on Big Oil Could be Better Spent on Renewable Resources

BY BRIAN AURICCHIO
Guest Columnist

When inaccuracy and manipulation become the foundation of popular opinion, it's time to call into question those who spew these "truths." If the average American citizen knew the actual environmental ramifications of offshore drilling, they would not blindly follow the whim of dogmatic politicians, who largely cater to corporate avarice.

With the election of Barack Obama, the American people saw a new epoch of political responsibility, an idea radically different from the past eight years of American politics. However, the change Obama fought so ardently for is seemingly not the change he promised during his campaign.

It seems Obama has sold out to political pressure, while not enforcing the liberal values he promised would heal the wounds of America. Any American who ostensibly calls themselves a Democrat may follow the President's empty rhetoric, but those who truly concern themselves with this country's environmental issues cannot find comfort in the words of Obama's offshore drilling plan.

The momentum for the environmental movement in this country began in 1969, in Santa Barbara, Calif., where an offshore oil platform suffered an inconceivable spill. For eleven days, oil spewed from the platform, releasing an estimated 200,000 gallons of oil, spreading 800 square miles. The oil caused massive lung hemorrhages in dolphins, poisoned any animal that ingested it, destroyed whale breeding grounds and killed an estimated 4,000 seabirds.

Yet some claim "environmentalists have little to worry about" when discussing offshore drilling. Even with advances in technology, there is no guarantee that these oil platforms will not

leak or spill. Since this event in 1969, a moratorium was installed that effectively banned most offshore drilling operations in the United States. President Bush as well as Senator John McCain both supported ending the moratorium and to begin offshore drilling.

While campaigning, Obama stated, "what wouldn't do a thing to lower gas prices is John McCain's new proposal, a proposal adopted by George Bush as well, to open up Florida's coastline to offshore drilling." He also stated there would be "long term consequences for our coastlines, and no short-term benefits, since it would take at least 10 years to get any oil. Well the politics may have changed, but the facts have not."

It seems the politics have changed for President Obama. He continues to say "offshore drilling will not lower gas prices" and "we won't see a drop of oil until 2017. You wouldn't see any full production until 2030." The U.S. Energy Administration released data in 2009 that stated lifting the moratorium would have no impact by 2020, and by 2030 projections suggest it could lower gas only by an estimated 3 cents.

Why spend taxpayer money irresponsibly to appease big oil companies, when the money could be spent investing in renewable energy resources? They would be an effective method of ending our dependence on foreign oil. This plan seems to be a feeble attempt to gain Republican support, especially with midterm elections in the near future.

Whom does it concern that this is happening? It seems the American citizen has retreated into the realms of complacency and subservience. Perhaps when refineries are built in Norfolk we will accept the inevitable realization of our apathy. Perhaps when Virginia waterways become as polluted as Cancer Alley, on Louisiana's Gulf Coast, will we stop and ask how this happened. Until then, let us submit to our own ignorance.

'Study Breaks' Relieve Pressures of Exams

With exams just around the corner and other fast approaching deadlines, everyone on campus seems to be overloaded by stress. Sex is probably the last thing on your mind. Who can afford to waste precious, valuable time copulating? While it is true that stress lowers your libido, strong scientific evidence shows that having sex is a tremendous, wonder working stress reliever.

Dr. James Coan, professor of psychology at the University of Virginia, says that sex releases "feel-good hormones, including oxytocin and endorphins." His research also shows that simply holding hands can alleviate stress.

At first, the idea of allotting time for fun "sexcapades" may seem contradictory. Although it will consume a bit of your study time, making love to your partner and enjoying his or her presence will boost your mood and help you get a better grip on stress and other activities related to it. You may not find yourself "in the mood," but spending time with your partner and getting a few sessions in the sack can ultimately be extremely rewarding and beneficial to you and your partner's well being.

Most of you single ladies and gentlemen are probably feeling the short end of the stick, wal-

lowing in the sadness of missing out on stress relieving sex sessions. While the odds may be against you finding a friend with benefits during exam week, you never know what could happen. Single people can still have a sex life.

Furthermore, you can still experience the benefits of sex, such as the release of endorphins, by masturbating. Better still is that mas-

turbating relieves stress and does not include the possible negative effects of intercourse, such as sexually transmitted infections or unwanted pregnancies.

Let's forget, plenty of other activities and things can

produce endorphins and relieve stress, for example, laughing and chocolate. Take advantage of the "stress-free zones" during exam week or—my personal favorite—look at some LOL-cats and have a few giggles. If you aren't able to get any "nookie," fear not! There are countless other ways to get through exam week.

If you do decide to de-stress with sex, be sure not to overindulge—you still have to write that paper and study for your exams. Rest assured, your tasks will be a little more bearable.

Sexclamations
By Erin Hill
Columnist

As I graduate, I look back at all that I learned in 4 years...

...This was not one of my best lessons...



If I were an alien, I would probe you first.
;-)

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Entertainment

Top 5 Distracting Sites During Finals

Come Exam Time, Any Web site is Better Than Microsoft Word

By ISAAC WHALEN
Staff Writer

Exam time is upon us, but fortunately we live in a world with the Internet. How many times have we sat down to write a paper, and then been distracted by those glorious multiple tabs? This list will keep you away from your work for hours upon end. So minimize all your other windows and get ready for a much needed study break--you can finish that essay tomorrow before your first class.

1. Hulu.com: With a wide selection of TV shows, movies, documentaries and movie trailers, Hulu is the perfect way of putting off that paper or studying for the big exam. I personally enjoy wasting time at this website, because not only can I discover shows that are off the air, but I can also catch episodes of newer shows that I

missed. Viewers with an account can subscribe to series and have new episodes saved to their profile. Hulu is truly one of the Internet's greatest places to procrastinate. *Site recommendations:* Archer, It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, Community.

2. Facebook.com: A very popular website, Facebook is definitely a part of time-wasting royalty. No need explaining the massive amounts of quizzes, photo stalking, IM chatting and status updating that goes on at this site, because we all have done it at one point. Facebook is unique because it gives the user a false sense of activity while not actually accomplishing anything. I enjoy procrastinating here, because I can find out who else is wasting time with me. It's a kind of community of slackers all in one place. *Site recommendations:* putting parents on limited profile, deleting status updates from people who

treat the site like Twitter.

3. Collegehumor.com: This site definitely holds its own against all challengers. With funny videos, articles, comics and links to hundreds of other sites, College Humor is definitely a good time waster. This site has such a wide selection of original series they created their own TV show on MTV in 2009. Also, the site has a lot of really funny articles and good links to web comics and other humor sites. What I really enjoy about this site is that since their content is based on college life, it is easily relatable. *Site recommendations:* Jake and Amir, Hardly Working.

4. Superpop.com: Now don't let the name fool you; this site is actually a web comic. By using real photographs and humorous text, creator "Drew" makes comics about almost everything. This site is just one of the creator's three web comics and has links to his wife's comic,

"Natalie Dee." While the humor might not be for everyone, it certainly is a cool place to forget about your three-page paper due tomorrow or your group meeting that you just missed. *Site recommendations:* check out the links to the other web comics

5. Cracked.com: Updated daily, this humor site has hundreds of articles from everyone on staff writers to contributing users. What is cool about this site is that most of their articles are lists, stating the five or seven best something-or-others, like this article. The site also has many Photoshop contests. With a large archive of past articles and photo contests, Cracked will keep you entertained and sufficiently distracted. *Site recommendations:* Articles, Photoshop contests, Craptions contest

'American Graffiti' Still Relevant Today

By DAVE GALLAGHER
Online Editor

Orpheum Film Club is showing George Lucas's seminal American film "American Graffiti" tonight at 9:00 p.m. in Combs 237.

The film follows recently graduated high schoolers, Curt Henderson and Steve Bolander (played by Richard Dryfuss and Ron Howard), on their last night in their home town before leaving for college "back east" the following morning. The characters meet up at drive-in burger joints and cruise the strip through their home town of Modesto, Ca. Steve and his girlfriend Laurie go to a "sock hop" at their high school to dance to songs such as "Sixteen Candles," "At The Hop," and "Louie Louie." There is a heavy influence of the Beach Boys, although one character remarks "I don't like that surfer shit. Rock and roll's been going downhill since Buddy Holly died."

"American Graffiti" is most characterized by its soundtrack and abundance of classic American cars, such as Steve's 1958 Impala, bad-boy John Milner's Deuce Coupe and the black 1955 Chevy driven by Bob Falfa (played by a young Harrison Ford).

Only Lucas's second film, "American Graffiti" has gone down as one of the most important

films to document the early 1960s.

Produced on a budget of less than a million dollars, the film was nominated for Best Picture at the 1973 Academy Awards. Roger Ebert called the film "a brilliant work of historical fiction; no sociological treatise could duplicate the movie's success in remembering exactly how it was to be alive at that cultural instant."

"American Graffiti" bears a striking resemblance to a more recent comedy, "Superbad." Both films deal with an end-of-the-year adventures just before the protagonists leave for college. In "American Graffiti," Toad fills the role of McLovin, a dweeby, bespectacled nerd in search of booze and ladies.

Toad ends up landing a rebellious blonde who likes the hard stuff and doesn't mind giving Toad a little face time in the back of Steve's Impala. Curt spends the night chasing after a mystery blond in a white Thunderbird while Steve deals with his own girlfriend issues.

The film is a must see for any high school or college age person. It completely encapsulates the few months between high school and college, and all of the questions and answers that go with that in-between time. Even though the film is set over 40 years ago, similar problems and emotions still arise today.



John Milner after winning a drag race.

courtesy of toutteline.com



Bullet Points

Thursday,
April 22

•Take a break from studying to go bowling with friends at the **Glow Bowling Party** at Liberty Lanes in Massaponax. It's only \$5 for unlimited bowling including shoe rentals. However, van rides will not be offered this week, so you'll need your own transportation. It starts at 9:00 p.m.

•The Orpheum film club is presenting "American Graffiti" in Combs 237 at 9:00 p.m. It's about two boys about to leave for college the next morning who spend their last evening cruising the strip and having every adventure possible before dawn.

•**Devil Goat Day**, UMW's longest standing tradition, will be going on in Ball Circle from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Whether you're a devil or a goat, come out to challenge friends at jousting and obstacle courses, climb the rock wall, listen to live music, and get free food!

•Expect your Nest eating experience a little classier at 4:00 p.m. today because the **String Ensemble Concert** will be playing music by Respighi, Naylor, and Mozart outside.

•Continuing the Underground's tradition of putting on fun, eclectic shows, there will be an **Alter Ego Step Team Show** at 9:30 p.m. Come enjoy the show and relax.

•UMW's longest running a cappella group, **The Symphonics**, are having their big spring concert in the faculty/staff dining hall at 8:00 p.m. Admission is only \$1 and if you wear green in honor of Earth Day, you'll be entered into a contest to win fabulous prizes.

Friday,
April 23

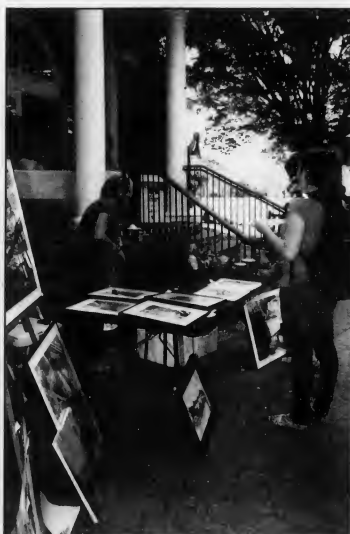
•**The Undeniably Adjacent**, UMW's only improv comedy troupe, will be having their final show of the year. If you like to laugh, come out and bring some friends for three hilarious 30-minute shows. As always, it's free and in Combs 139 at 8:00 p.m.

•To hear a cappella versions of your favorite songs, come to **Dodd Auditorium** at 8:00 p.m. to see the **One Note Stand Concert**. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and it's only \$1 for a ticket.

•**Salsa night** at Las Palmas Cafe on William St. Pay \$5 for a salsa lesson and a night full of hot moves and smooth tunes.

Saturday,
April 24

•Local reggae band **The Transmitters** is playing at The Otter House on Princess Anne St. at 10:00 p.m. The Transmitters have been pleasing students and locals for a number of years. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.



The Annual Student yArt Sale

Marie Sciala/Bullet

Sunday,
April 25

•Tomorrow is the first day of exams, so make sure you use today to **study up** and get ready!

Monday,
April 26

•The Underground will be turning itself into a **stress-free zone** tonight from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. After a long day of exams, a stress-free zone is going to be a huge relief.

•Seaco will be hosting a **midnight breakfast** from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for those staying up late to study for exams.

Tuesday,
April 27

•The **stress-free zone** moves to the Great Hall but retains the time. So from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., go to the Great Hall but leave your stress behind.

Wednesday,
April 28

•Another **stress-free zone** at the Great Hall. We're almost there, folks. Summer is just a couple days away!

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Entertainment

Jukebox the Ghost Resurrects Dead Crowd

By THOMAS ELLA
Entertainment Editor

As I waded through the dull, lifeless crowd on Saturday at Eyeclops Studios before Jukebox the Ghost came out, I thought I must have stumbled into a wax museum.

Despite Drink Up Buttercup's best efforts, showcasing excellent stage presence with lots of energy and enthusiasm, the crowd simply could not be swayed; they were here to see Jukebox the Ghost and would settle for nothing less. And so they simply stared down Drink Up Buttercup until their set was over.

It's a shame too, since Drink Up Buttercup actually put on a great show. They played catchy, energetic music, tried to joke and interact with the crowd and worked up sweats from leaping around stage so much. I don't think I've ever watched someone bang on a trash can lid with so much fervor. Yet the crowd remained totally motionless.

Probably one of the most awkwardly gratifying experiences to have at a concert is to literally be the only one dancing. Sure, it's kind of embarrassing for the people I came with, but somebody needed to start the show. What's the point of going to a concert if you're just going to stand there?

On the other hand, considering that my group had called ahead in an attempt to arrive just as Jukebox the Ghost were coming on, completely missing The Vermillions and most of Drink Up Buttercup, I can't really be too self-righteous. We were just adding to the mob of people there for Jukebox the Ghost.

The crowd politely clapped and cheered as Drink Up Buttercup left the stage, but I couldn't tell if they were actually clapping for Drink Up Buttercup's performance or if they were just excited that Jukebox the Ghost were finally going to play.

Either way, when Jukebox the Ghost came on stage, the crowd began to show signs of life. They sang along, clapped to the beat, and suddenly I wasn't the only one dancing anymore. Mind you, that's only if you stretch your definition of "dancing" to include "awkward shuffling from side to side." Eventually the crowd shed some of their self-consciousness and started having fun, but they definitely had a rough start.

Then again, so did Jukebox the Ghost's performance. A girl with a hand covering her mouth and nose ran through the crowd toward the bathroom, discovering the most effective way to get out of tightly packed social situations quickly. Minutes later, an overwhelming stench perme-



Jukebox the Ghost plays for the crowd at Eyeclops Studios.

Thomas Ella/Bullet

ated the room until even the band itself couldn't help but comment on it.

"It smells so bad in here," laughed one of the band members between songs. An Eyeclops Studios employee lit a handful of incense to combat the odor, eliciting cheers from the crowd and the band. "We'll only play mellow songs from now on," they joked.

Thankfully, everything else went smoothly. As someone who typically doesn't like indie rock and had no prior experience with Jukebox the Ghost, I didn't go in with high hopes but left quite impressed. Keyboardist Ben Thornewill tapped infectious melodies as he belted out strong, clear vocals. Guitarist Tommy Siegel and drummer Jesse Kristin both played extremely

well and perfectly complemented the music, but Thornewill was the one who left a lasting impression on me.

By the time the band had finished playing some of their standout hits like "Hold It In," "Good Day," "Under My Skin" and some material from their upcoming album, the crowd was finally getting into the music, throwing their hands in the air and jumping around like idiots, just like you're supposed to at a concert. Somehow, Jukebox the Ghost had found a way to raise the dead and were rewarded with chants of "encore!" that they happily obliged.



courtesy of jollygoodshow.net

'Kick-Ass' is a Bloody Good Time

By DAVID TINDELL
Staff Writer

Dave Lizewski, bored of simply existing through his teenage years, sets out to kick some local crime ass. However, his petty crime fight quickly gets involved into a brawl with the evil drug lord Frank D'Amico. Luckily, he meets up with Big Daddy, a former cop who has trained his 11-year-old daughter, Hit-Girl, to fight like the rest of the boys.

Kick-Ass turns to Hit-Girl and asks, "How do I get a hold of you?"

Hit-Girl replies sarcastically, "You just contact the Mayor's office, he has a special signal he shines in the sky. It's in the shape of a giant c***."

Premiering last Thursday, "Kick-Ass," produced by Matthew Vaughn and Brad Pitt, is a superhero film based on the comic book of the same name. When I first saw the trailer, I had no interest in seeing "Kick-Ass." The trailer told of a nerdy kid who decides to wear tights and perform good deeds, which meant the movie was

essentially "Spider-Man" without any cool effects or Kirsten Dunst wet-shirt sequences. However, I noticed the movie was rated R, looked up the "not safe for all audiences" trailer (look it up—it's hilarious) and I was impressed.

If you did not guess from the quote, the main treat of the movie is the dialogue. Who could not fall in love with an 11-year-old girl who calls people "c*****"? Seriously, Hit-Girl's constant swearing is an instant classic in my collection. Beyond her potty mouth, the movie is generally funny. I actually liked Nicolas Cage in "Kick-Ass," which is hard for me to admit because I remember "Captain Corelli's Madoline." Also, "Kick-Ass" finds itself within the series of movies starring "Superbad" star Christopher Mintz-Plasse (McLovin'), after "Year One" and "Role Models."

But does the movie actually kick ass? Yes, I was very pleased with the action. First of all, the action is spread nicely throughout the movie. One of the very first scenes portrays Nicolas Cage shooting his daughter in the chest, and the action only continues from there. The action is

also bloody; expect a lot of head shots, throats being cut, thugs exploding in microwaves and bodies crushed by car compactors. Honestly, the action was very enjoyable to watch. I was surprised how amusing it was to watch Hit-Girl stab drug dealer after drug dealer. It never gets old.

However, "Kick-Ass" does not break away from the common super-hero tropes. Boy meets girl he tries to impress (like "Spider-Man"), boy's friend is actually a bad guy (like "Spider-Man"), and boy's body is reconstructed after an accident which makes him stronger (Wolverine from "X-Men"). It almost makes you wonder if the movie is meant to satirize the comic book series, but you be the judge. Even still, the character development added comical flare which helped the movie transition nicely. For example, Dave gets to know the love of his life better by becoming her gay friend. What a genius move.

"Kick-Ass" is a good laugh with an enjoyable, action-jolted plot.

Student Art for Sale on the Cheap

By ERIN DWYER
Staff Writer

The Annual Student yArt Sale opened Tuesday, April 20 to the pleasure of students and community members looking to find a reasonable deal on fine art.

Outside the Ridderhof Gallery, tables were set up showcasing pieces by UMW artists that had been completed this past year. While the sale was presented by a relatively small group of artists, the works ranged widely in medium. Items included pottery, black and white photos, paintings, wood and silk prints, textiles, jewelry, and glasswork to name a few.

Not only did the sale provide a diverse canvas of skill sets, but the subject varied from booth to booth. No matter what type of art piece you sought, it was sure to be found. Artists were receptive to questions, sharing stories of how particular intricate pieces were made.

Of course, the best aspect was the low prices for the beautiful creations of the group. UMW artists were friendly and willing to bargain to en-

sure all potential customers left with new decorative possessions for their homes or dorms, without feeling guilty about the cost.

Selling their work seemed to be a high point for the student artists, who had to part with their beloved creations.

"I feel positive towards my work," junior Meredith Roane said. "I'll miss it."

However, she was quick to say that giving away her artwork—her "babies"—was a fulfilling experience.

"I'm glad it found a good home," said Roane. Other artists shared Roane's feelings, echoing her sentiment towards exhibiting and profiting from their pieces.

"It feels great," Rachel Hicks said. She also pointed out the benefit that selling student artwork at such low prices provided for the community. "Who wants to go to a gallery and spend \$300?" Hicks asked.

When you can purchase impressive, talented items for a mere five to ten dollars, it is hard to imagine why you would.



Students showcased a large variety of art for sale.

Marie Nicola/Bullet

Features

Is Your Desk Made by a Prisoner?

Furniture at UMW is Manufactured by Inmates Throughout Virginia

By SARAH DENBY
Staff Writer

Before a desk enters a UMW classroom, it first passes through the hallways of a prison.

It's true. Most of the furniture at UMW was manufactured at one of the various prisons located around the state by Virginia Correctional Enterprises (VCE).

VCE is operated by the Virginia Department of Corrections, and was established in 1934 by the General Assembly as a work program for individuals incarcerated in prisons located around the Commonwealth of Virginia.

According to information provided by Karl Schnurr, senior account representative and sales of VCE in Northern Virginia, the mission of VCE is to enhance the correctional programs of the Commonwealth of Virginia by operating a business that provides jobs and work skills for sentenced offenders to help them successfully re-enter society.

At the same time, the program offers goods and services at a fair price to customers.

Prisoners who work for the VCE learn skills such as building and upholstering furniture, as well as providing printing and microfilm services.

After prisoners are released, they will be able to take the skills they acquired and get a job using them. The theory is that this will help keep them from ending up behind bars again.

Despite those reasons, the prisons get customers because it's the law.

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that the university, along with other departments and institutions funded by the state, buy and obtain goods produced by VCE.

According to Section 53.1-47 of the Code of Virginia, "Purchase by

agencies, localities and certain nonprofit organizations," is required if the inmates make the type of furniture desired.

The state code also states that the articles and services provided can be purchased by "any county, district of

any county, city or town and by any nonprofit organization, including volunteer lifesaving or first aid crews, rescue squads, fire departments, shelter workshops and community service organizations."

All of the furniture at UMW comes

from VCE if they make it, according to K.C. McCullough, director of purchasing and stores for UMW.

"[VCE] either makes or distributes all kinds of furniture on campus," he said. "Wherever there's a need for furniture on campus, which is quite a few

times."

This includes items such as the chairs, classroom desks and couches that are located in the lobbies of the academic buildings.

McCullough also said that orders have been particularly high from VCE since the opening of Lee Hall.

Furniture, such as desk chairs, lounge furniture and common area furniture are currently being ordered from the VCE for Eagle Village, so it will arrive in time for the opening in the fall.

However, if the VCE does not make a specific type of furniture, the university must get special permission to buy from another provider.

"We have to get a waiver, which takes a day or two," McCullough said. Some of the furniture for Eagle Village is an exception to the waiver requirement as well.

The new beds and dressers for Eagle Village will not be manufactured from VCE, but instead from Folio Furniture, a manufacturer that provides furniture for hotels and military housing.

Instead of getting a waiver from VCE to purchase the beds and dressers from Folio, UMW now has a state contract with them.

"We've had a contract with Folio since 2009," McCullough said.



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If you would like to learn more about the VCE, its mission and what they manufacture, check out their website at: <http://www.vcedigital-works.com/vce/index.htm>

Dining on a Dime

"Oatmeal Apple Pie"

By Kaitlin Mayhew

This is a great, easy pie recipe that always turns out well. The best part is that you won't have to buy many ingredients since it uses a lot of simple components that you probably already have lying around.

Ingredients:

Crust:

- 1 cup quick oats
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 3 tbs water

Filling:

- 2 large apples (whatever kind you like)
- 1 cup buttermilk or whole milk
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs

Cinnamon and sugar to sprinkle on top

Directions:

1. Mix all crust ingredients in a bowl except for the water, cutting in butter with a knife until crumbly.
2. Add water until slightly moist and press into pie pan.
3. Bake in oven at 350 for 20 minutes.
4. Remove and set aside.
5. Whisk eggs in a bowl until slightly frothy.
6. Whisk in sugar and vanilla.
7. Slowly add buttermilk or milk while whisking.
8. Set aside.
9. Peel and core apples, then cut into small wedges.
10. Arrange apple wedges evenly over pie crust.
11. Pour egg mixture over apples. The liquid will not completely cover apples.
12. Place in oven and bake for 25 minutes or until liquid is set.
13. Remove pie from oven, sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and let cool.



Kaitlin Mayhew/Bullet

Features

PRISM Takes a 'Day of Silence'

By EMMA CARONE
Staff Writer

Friday April 16, the students of PRISM (People Representing Individuals of Sexual Minorities) were silent.

It was a part of the event, the National Day of Silence, a day on which students across the nation take a vow of silence to bring attention to the discrimination that many individuals face due to their sexual orientation.

The goal of the event is to recognize the thousands of students that are silenced everyday by bullying, name-calling, and harassment.

During the Day of Silence, some students chose not to speak at all, in honor of those who are silenced on a daily basis.

However, even those who were unable to hold their silence all day also had the opportunity to participate in a ten-minute vigil that was held in Ball Circle from 11:50 to noon.

During that time, students were invited to come together and hold their silence for ten minutes as a way of presenting silence in a very loud way.

Throughout the ten minutes over 100 people came out to join hands in an effort to promote awareness.

The vigil was organized by PRISM, an on campus group dedicated to advocating for the rights and interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people, as well as raise awareness of issues of sexuality and gender.

"Our goal is to create a safe place on campus," President Brendon Bottle said.

Along with the vigil, PRISM also organized several other events during the day to promote the National Day of Silence.

From 4 to 6 p.m., PRISM held a breaking-the-silence social, where students were encouraged to speak about their experiences.

The vow of silence served as an opportunity to recognize those who are



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(Right) UMW Senior and PRISM president Brendon Bottle holds a sign on campus in front of Monroe Hall advertising the "Day of Silence."



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still silent, while the social was a way to raise awareness and spread information about their rights.

During the social, several members of PRISM gave speeches that reminded students of the oppression and harassment that individuals experience every day.

The social also included a barbecue and music, drawing many students out to the field to play Frisbee, cards and enjoy the sun.

"It helped put a more positive spin on things" Paige Miller said.

She is a junior and member of PRISM.

After the social, the Day of Silence continued at 8 p.m. in the Underground, where PRISM hosted an open mic night where students read poetry, lyrics, and speeches, as well as sang songs.

The open mic night was an opportunity for student to express them-

selves and speak out for those previously found it difficult.

"It's not about being silent, its about breaking silence" Bottle said.

Scouts' Influence Lasts in College

By BRITTANY NASSEF
Staff Writer

The Girl Scouts are at UMW. Not just the young girls selling cookies on the sidewalk, but as a part of the student club, Campus Scouts.

Founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouts has more than 3.4 million members across the world.

According to the Girl Scouts of the USA website, "Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."

Campus Scouts was started at UMW about 10 years ago.

"The younger girls need somebody to look up to and we are great role models for them," Rose Salzberg, former president of Campus Scouts, said.

UMW graduate of the class of 2009, Salzberg helped get the club back up on its feet after it had virtually disappeared from campus.

"I joined Campus Scouts, because Girl Scouts was such an important part of my life before UMW and I didn't want that part of my life to disappear completely," Salzberg said. "It was so important to [other former girl scouts] and I that we didn't let it fall to pieces our sophomore year."

Current President of Campus Scouts, Erin Burke, has been involved with Girl Scouts since she was five years old. Burke grew up in a military family and said that her parents put her in Girl Scouts to help her have a

stable environment and make good friends that she would have no matter where she went.

Burke said Girl Scouts taught her essential skills that are not taught in school, such as leadership, interpersonal communication, event planning and money management.

"I gained exposure to many different types of people, particularly women, in various career fields, as well as people of different abilities and disabilities," Burke said. "Now, I want to be able to give younger Girl Scouts some of those same opportunities, show them a Girl Scout role model who isn't a mom or employed with the organization, and to show them that the skills they are learning really do stay with you after the days of cookie sales and earning badges are over."

However, Campus Scouts is not just for Girl Scouts, according to Rebecca Brooks, the vice president of Campus Scouts.

"We just got boys into Campus Scouts this year, so we have been trying to do something with local Boy Scout troops," she said.

Girl Scouts from all over the city of Fredericksburg and in all different age groups participate in events that the UMW Campus Scouts plan. The club helps to plan activities for the younger girls to earn badges.

"It's a fun club and anyone can join," Freshman Claire Growney, club member, said. "It's not a huge time commitment."



Courtesy of Erin Burke

Top: (from left) Kate Gibson, Becca Brooks, Karen Probst, Cilla Appel, Dale Race
Middle: Mary Mace, Claire Growney
Front: Erin Berry, Erin Burke, Diana Weigel

Campus Scouts meets on Wednesday afternoons at 5 o'clock in Chandler Hall. The Girl Scouts of America requires volunteers to be certified with the Girl Scouts of the USA, which requires a \$12 fee.

"I just like volunteering and I like working with kids," Growney said. "I miss being around kids. Because of

being in college, there aren't any kids around, and Campus Scouts lets me help them."

"Campus Scouts was a nice way to get involved in campus as well as continue my passion for Girl Scouts," Brooks said. "For me, scouting is a way for me to be involved with the community."

"When I look back at my years at UMW," said Salzberg, "what I am probably most proud of is the work I did with Campus Scouts. Definitely made my time spent there more rewarding."



Regional

Police said 74-year-old Patricia Hart died yesterday afternoon after failing to yield the right of way at a stop sign in Louisa County. Hart, a Charlottesville resident, was traveling northbound on Joutett School Road in her 1995 Ford Taurus when she failed to yield the right of way. The stop sign was at the intersection of Joutett School Road and State Route 33. Her car was then struck by a 2003 Ford F-150, and both vehicles went off the left side of the roadway, striking a fence. Hart died at the scene. Two other passengers, 96-year-old Margaret Porterfield and a 10-year-old female, were transported by ambulance to Virginia Commonwealth University with serious injuries. Both Porterfield and Hart were wearing seatbelts; however, it is unclear whether the 10-year-old was wearing one or not. Luanne Bragg, the 39-year-old driver of the F-150 from Bumpass, VA., was transported to Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville by ambulance for her injuries. She was wearing her seat belt. (The Free Lance-Star, April 21; www.fredericksburg.com)

National

David Kernel, a 22-year-old former University of Tennessee student, is currently on trial for charges he's facing that claim he hacked into Sarah Palin's e-mail account in 2008 when she was the Republican nominee for vice president. Saran Palin has been subpoenaed to testify in the Knoxville, Tenn. courtroom. Kernel is charged with accessing the then-Alaska governor's Yahoo account by using a password-recovery tool, and correctly answering a series of personal security questions, to reset the password to "popcorn." Prosecutors from the Justice Department are saying that Kernel then made screenshots of Palin's e-mail directory and personal information, such as pictures and the cell phone number of a family member, and posted the material online. The charges carry four felony counts with a maximum prison sentence of 50 years. (The Washington Post, April 21; www.washingtonpost.com)

Global

The British Civil Aviation Authority has said that commercial airliners can fly safely in low levels of ash, based on new test flights conducted by airlines and reviewed by jet engine makers. As such, the British authorities have determined the danger to airliners from the ash to be less than previously thought. This has loosened Europe's worst air traffic disruption since World War II. However, the fact remains that millions of passengers were stranded and more than \$1 billion in economic activity were lost, partly due to the overestimated risk. (The Washington Post, April 21; www.washingtonpost.com)

High School Students to Attend Special Courses

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In addition to the enrichment courses, an SAT workshop will be offered on two Saturdays in August. Professor Kennedy herself will be teaching the Writing Review portion, which she says is intended as a strategy workshop.

"It will be a refresher on test-taking skills and writing a good five-paragraph essay to help boost SAT scores," Kennedy explained.

Students are being recruited for the program from many surrounding counties. Guidance counselors in area school districts have been contacted and an article announcing the Summer Enrichment Program recently ran in the Free-Lance Star newspaper.

High school counselors in Fredericksburg and surrounding counties have received a brochure that outlines class content for seven different classes and an SAT review workshop, according to Professor Kennedy.

The program brochure details class offerings that include such topics as "Geometrical Art" and "Crafting the Essay." The brochure also says which professors will be involved in the program.

These include Adjunct Instructor Brady Earnhardt of the English, lin-

gistics department. Assistant Professor Jackie Gallagher and Associate Professor Donald Rallis will be teaching the geography segments.

Math classes will be held in Trinkle Hall and English classes are to be held in the William Street mansion. Classes will be offered during late June and early July and will last for one or two weeks in length depending on the course chosen, according to the brochure.

When asked about having high school juniors and seniors on the campus this summer, UMW students generally reacted positively. Helen Alston, a sophomore, did not see any impact for UMW students when the program was explained to her.

"UMW is a totally different place in the summer, most kids are not hanging around campus."

Sophomore Sarah Smethurst had doubts about the Summer Enrichment Program being the best recruiting tool for the University.

"They'll only want to eat at Seabcock once," she said.

“We love the community we have built and the community we can build.”
--Mike Issacson

guistics, and communications department and Assistant Professors Julius Eunge and Randall Helmstuter, Professor Debra Hydorn and Associate Professor and department chair Keith Mellinger of the mathe-

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Students Hurting for Work Over Break

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With tightened state budgets, UMW has eliminated some on-campus jobs. At the beginning of the semester, UMW eliminated its desk aide program. This decision left 25 students unemployed, but saved the university \$30,000.

"I understand that they needed to make budgetary cuts, but it's upsetting they decided to cut money that goes to students who are already cash-strapped," senior Cassandra Rattii, former desk aide, said.

For the remaining jobs, student employment is based on department budgets. While the University does not have a limit on the number of student employees that can be hired, the number is dependent on each department's budget.

This affects both the wage and number of hours a student can work per

week. As a result, most students are allotted a maximum of 10 hours of work per week with the hourly state minimum wage pay rate of \$7.25 an hour.

Low wages and hours have not deterred many UMW students from seeking out these jobs.

"I really needed the job, and it was so convenient," Erin Gunzelman, a junior geography major, said.

Pitzer noted that the pay rate does vary, depending on the skills for the job. She added that the highest wage given to student employees is around \$10 per hour.

These problems are likely to be compounded since summer is just around the corner. Some students still remember the difficulty of finding summer employment last year.

"I looked all summer, applying to things from Va. to D.C., from architect-

ure firms to restaurants to shops at the mall," Melissa Carl, a recent UMW alumna, said. "It wasn't until August that I got someone to even call me back."

New York-based Ipsos Public Affairs recently completed a survey commissioned by SnagAJob.com, an hourly employment service website, on summer employment trends.

The survey found that 47 percent of businesses did not expect to have seasonal hiring this summer, while 18 percent expect to hire fewer workers than last year.

In June, at the peak of last summer, the Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded that 18.5 percent of 16 to 24 year olds were unemployed, the highest percentage ever recorded.

While these numbers look foreboding to students hoping for summer em-

ployment, Shawn Boyer, chief executive of SnagAJob.com, said "the summer job front is pretty good news." His reason is that negative unemployment trends have finally subsided.

"It's a relief that we're not again seeing the kind of negative trends that we saw when comparing expectations for last summer with '08," Boyer said.

Lacking employment options, many students have turned to internships. Ryan Klein, a senior economics major, said that finding an internship has proven to be difficult.

"I wanted to get an internship because I think it's a good way to get experience in the field I want to work in, and maybe even get a foot in the door," Klein said. "It seems like even the unpaid internships are very competitive now. I'm having a lot of trouble finding one for the summer."

The New York Times reported that some businesses are replacing paid secretarial work with unpaid internships. Mohammed Yousuf, a senior international affairs major, said that he didn't learn anything at his internship.

"It was just a bunch of busy work and running errands," Yousuf said.

Despite everyone's difficult experience with finding employment, though, they will keep looking for jobs.

"It's hard to find a job, but I need one," Yousuf said. "I'll take whatever I can get whether it's on campus or off."

--Chas Jefferson, Kevin Kallmyer, Eun Ji Kim and Phoebe McMullen contributed to this report.

Wolfe, Chichester to Speak to Graduates

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Wolfe has maintained close ties to the university. Named the UMW 2004 Distinguished Alumna, Wolfe returned to UMW for two days in March 2007 to serve as a Distinguished Graduate-Residence where he shared strategies from his career in advertising and marketing for film studios.

Wolfe's career has included film marketing at Universal for over 19 years as well as positions in creative advertising at New Line Cinema and Orion Pictures. A member of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sci-

ences, Wolfe is also active in the Los Angeles area Big Brothers organization.

Graduate students will attend commencement at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7, in Dodd Auditorium of George Washington Hall. The undergraduate commencement exercises will be held on Ball Circle at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 8. This is the first year graduate and undergraduate classes will have separate graduation ceremonies.

The announcement was delivered via e-mail to faculty and students three weeks before the ceremonies.

Expansion Adheres to Progress in Strategic Plan

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This year the school received around 4,500 applications for 950 spots in the freshmen class, Hurley said.

"All 4,500 students don't have high GPAs and SATs and extracurriculars," Hurley said.

The main challenges to maintaining admission standards, according to Hurley, are a currently decreasing

number of high school graduates and intense competition among Virginia schools for out-of-state students, since they must pay higher tuition.

"I think we've got to figure out what can we add that really would make us distinctive," Hurley said. "We have a great reputation for having a real strong academic liberal arts program. I don't think that's enough in and of itself to carry us. What is it we can put in our boutique, our array of

programs, [to] make people want to come here?"

While the plans for these changes are still in the making, Hurley declined to comment on the details.

"You'll have to come back in August and hear my speech," he said.

--Casey Snyder, Nate Winston and Hyerim Yang contributed to this report.

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Sports

UMW Baseball Thumps Catholic 13-3



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After falling behind 3-0 early in the game, UMW bounced back to score 13 unanswered runs to rout the visiting Catholic Cardinals.

By MORGAN THOMPSON
Staff Writer

This past Tuesday the UMW men's baseball team, who was recently crowned Capital Athletic Conference champions over the weekend, continued their winning streak at Dickinson Stadium against Landmark conference stand-out Catholic University.

The Eagles triumphed 13-3 over the visiting Cardinals and won the game in the regulatory nine innings. Going into the game, the Eagles' Assistant Coach Kevin Foeman wanted all of his players to approach the game eager to win and to be prepared to play to the best of their abilities.

"I just wanted to make sure we took the game inning by inning. I didn't want the guys to be complacent with the weekend's results. We took Catholic seriously and were able to play well," Foeman said.

In just his second start of the season, junior pitcher Parker Talbert pitched all nine innings of the contest for the Eagles and captured his first win of the season. Talbert gave up only four hits, walked no one, struck out three, and surrendered only one earned run (two unearned) in his

complete game outing.

The Eagles had a slow start, falling behind Catholic early 3-0 going into the bottom of the second inning. However, UMW responded in the home half of second, as the Eagles took the lead by scoring four runs, all runs coming on RBI singles from three separate Eagles' players. Five runs followed in the third inning for UMW, securing their upper-hand in the game and giving them a commanding 9-3 lead.

The home team was led by a balanced offensive attack, as seven of the nine starters for the Eagles recorded at least one hit, seven different players tallied an RBI, every player reached base safely and each player scored at least one run.

After playing the entire championship game this past Sunday, junior Eric Rehbein continued to press on. Rehbein went 3-5 at the plate, scoring one run and adding an RBI triple in the victory. Freshman Seth Jordan had an impressive game as well, as he too went 3-5 on the day, added two runs and an RBI single to boot. Junior Jackson Clement was not to be outdone by his teammates, as the right fielder went 3-4 while scoring two runs along with an RBI double.

The Eagles continued to deny the Cardinals for the remainder of the game and refused to allow them cut into the UMW lead. The four final runs were scored in the sixth inning by the Eagles to cap off the notable victory with the final score resting at 13-3.

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"It came down to everyone gelling at right time and believing they could do it," Foeman said. "We've had a lot of tough losses that could've ended our season. The team as a whole wanted it more than they have in the past. We weren't happy with ending it before the tournament. The seniors really took it upon themselves to make sure we got there."

The Eagles now stand 23-10 overall. Mary Washington's next game will be today, as they will visit Catholic University at 4:00 p.m.

Spring Sports Seasons in Review

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as he currently is tops on the team in batting average (.460), home runs (6), and RBI (47). Junior Eric Rehbein was a good supporting actor to Wright's lead role, as Rehbein was second on the team in most of the hitting categories. Rehbein wasn't just one of the team's best hitters, but he was their best pitcher as well. Rehbein started eight games and pitched 55.2 innings, finishing with a 4-1 record and a 3.23 ERA. The baseball team's record now stands at 23-10 and they still have at least five games remaining in their season. Regardless of what happens from here on out, a CAC championship is enough to make this season a smashing success.

The softball team had a rebuilding year in 2010, as they finished 9-26-1 with a 6-6 conference record to finish fourth in the CAC. After beginning the season 0-8, the Lady Eagles responded to go 4-0 in their next four games, but then went on to drop 11 of their next 12. Elizabeth Crowe was the team's biggest threat at the plate, as she led the team in batting average (.412), runs (24), home runs (8), and RBI (33). While Crowe led the team batting, Annie Blaine led the pitching staff. Blaine had a team best 3.86 ERA, four wins and 10 complete games. Despite a less than stellar season, the softball team did win a game in the CAC tournament and they return all but two players to next year's team.

The men's tennis team has a 12-11 record and currently leads the Capital Athletic Conference with a 6-0 mark against CAC opponents. Their overall record is a bit deceiving, as the Eagles took on very difficult out of conference competition to help prepare themselves for conference play. The tennis team recovered from a slow start out of the gate, as they began the season 0-3 and went on to have another strong season. Will Apperson was the team's No. 1 for much of the season and his record currently sits at a very impressive 21-7 to lead the men's team. Senior Evan Goff (14-8) and freshman Brian Hope (12-9) both currently

stand with a record over the .500 mark. Despite their struggles outside of CAC play, they continued to display their dominance within a conference they have ruled for years now. The men's tennis team will look to capture yet another CAC title and will square off against Salisbury tomorrow at home at 3:30 p.m.

The women's tennis team has had just as impressive a season as the men's team has had. The women have gone 14-7 on the year and once again have an impeccable record in conference play at 6-0. The women's tennis team has been consistent all season long, but they did have a lull in the middle of the year as they lost four out of five games during a week long stretch in March. But the team was not deterred and went on to have another great season. Freshman Cassie Bowman (15-12), junior Courtney Goimarae (17-11), sophomore Michelle Meadow's (19-10), sophomore Katie Schafer (18-9) and junior Danielle Velardi (16-11) all finished over .500 for the year. Also like the men's squad, the women's team will square off against Salisbury University in the CAC Tournament to determine conference supremacy, with their match taking place today at 4:30 p.m.

The men's and women's track and field teams were both extremely successful once again. Both teams finished second in the CAC Championships as both ended up behind Salisbury University in the championship meet. The second place finish was disappointing to both, who each thought they had a chance to capture the CAC crown, but it was



Courtesy of Clint Offin

The Eagles softball team didn't have the best of seasons, but sophomore Elizabeth Crowe had a good offensive season and UMW won a CAC Tournament game.

especially hard on the women's team as their failure to claim the top spot in the conference was the first time in the last 17 years that they did not finish the season as the conference's best team. Junior Lynette Humphries was a staple on the women's team throughout the year and senior Matt Cash was one of the lead runners for the men's side. Even though injuries riddled the team late in the year and they were unable to accomplish their goal of winning the CAC, both teams were once again strong and had very impressive seasons with their second place finishes in the conference.

With spring sports all but wrapped up, another year is in the books for Mary Washington athletics. All the sports teams look to improve upon their 2009-2010 campaigns and to come back stronger when their next seasons begin.



Courtesy of Clint Offin

The UMW men's lacrosse team has had a solid season at 8-9 overall and they made a good showing in the CAC Tournament capturing a win but eventually falling to undefeated Salisbury in the semifinals.

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Sports

Track & Field Places 2nd at CAC's

By **ANDREW KADA**
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the University of Mary Washington men's and women's track and field teams competed at the 2010 Capital Athletic Conference Championships in Salisbury, Md.

Both teams put up a good fight but eventually walked away in second place behind CAC champion Salisbury University. The women's failure to capture first especially stung, as it marked the end of their domination of the conference after a 16 year streak of CAC championships.

Conditions throughout the day were unfavorable with treacherous winds with accounts reminiscent of a twister. Despite the less than ideal conditions, the teams were prepared to compete in every race. The team knew that predictions of the meet had both the Salisbury and Mary Washington team scores quite similar.

"We knew that a lot of things would have to fall into place in order for us to come out with the win and we really needed some luck on our side," junior Madalyn Crowell said.

As initial results started to tally up during the meet, chances of winning started to decline.

"I kept checking the points between our team and Salisbury. They were quite far ahead of us in terms of points from early on in the meet, but I just kept hoping that somehow we could catch up and surpass them," Crowell said.

In the end, the Eagles were not able to keep scores as tightly as they wanted.

"The only thing that would've helped us is if we came into the meet with everybody we thought we were going to have," junior Stephen Harrison said. "The team was riddled with injuries by the end of the season, which really hurt us as a unit."

One of Mary Washington's strengths is its talented numbers placed in each event; however, Salisbury boasts the same strategy and assets. On this day, the Eagles were outnumbered and thus fell short.



Courtesy of Scott Plunkett

The women's track and field team finished second in the CAC championships last Saturday, which ended their streak of 16 straight CAC titles.

"They just have so much depth that it's hard to compete, just for blow in every event," Harrison explained. "[Salisbury] knew what they had to do and they did it."

First place winners from the meet include junior co-captain Lynette Humphries in the 100 meter hurdles, freshmen Michelle Sutherland in the 400 meter hurdles, junior Rebecca Campbell in the high jump and sophomore Nicole Ditto in the triple jump. On the men's side, first place finishers included senior co-captain Matt Cash in the 800 meter run as well as the 1500 meter run where he set a CAC record time of 3:57.26. Senior Jason

Driscoll also took first in the 5000 meter run.

In addition to CAC individual event championships many other Eagles had tremendous performances on Saturday. In the 4x400 meter relays, the UMW women heat consisting of freshmen Brooke Thompson, graduate student Bridgett Dettmann, junior Stacy Keser and Sutherland took first place. Meanwhile, the men placed second in that same event with junior Scott Matthiessen, senior Mo Yousuf, Cash and sophomore Bobby Tillett. Junior Sarah Daves pulled off a triple, finishing second in the 1500 meter run, third in the 800 meter run and fifth in the 5000 meter run. Junior Stephen

Harrison placed fourth in both the 1500 meter run and 5000 meter run.

UMW stole the top four spots in the women's 400 meter hurdles by Sutherland, Humphries, Thompson and freshmen Rachel Sipe. Sophomore Michaela Sands and junior Sara Kniceley placed second and third in the women's 3000 meter steeple chase, respectively. Sophomore Chris Marino placed third in the men's 3000 meter steeple chase. Freshmen Chelsea LeHew placed second in the pole vault. Sophomore Amanda Zapata placed third in the women's javelin throw. Jeremy Burke finished third in the 100 meter dash. In the 1500 meter run, Cash, Driscoll, freshmen Scott Plunkett and Harrison swept first through fourth, respectively. Junior Matt Gellar placed second in both the men's hammer throw and shot put.

In the end, although both UMW teams fell to Salisbury the meet was not merely seen as a loss.

"I can honestly say that they earned the win this year and they deserved the victory, due to some great performances. I think that they did benefit from some of our losses, but it was clear that they worked hard this season and it paid off," Crowell said.

"Our coaches were all very proud of our effort, though I know it was disappointing to them to see us lose to Salisbury," Daves added.

Next on the track and field agenda for continuing athletics is the Penn Relays in Philadelphia this weekend. Mary Washington's men's 4x800 relay will be looking to take down a school record. From there, athletes will then attend several last chance meets in order to qualify for nationals.

Looking into future seasons, the UMW track and field is already thinking about taking down the Seagulls.

"I'm pumped up to defend our Cross Country CAC title," Harrison said. "I know all of us returning Cross Country guys can not stop thinking about the fall season already. It's time to grow from our experiences and just look forward."

Spring Sports Recap

By **ZACH MORETTI**
Staff Writer

With only a week left in the spring semester, finals looming next week, followed by the sweet release of summer, it's time to take a look back at the UMW spring sports and see how each team fared in their 2010 season.

The Mary Washington men's lacrosse team had a decent year. The team went 8-9 overall and 4-5 in conference play en route to a fifth place finish in the Capital Athletic Conference. The season was filled with streaks for the Eagles, as they began the season poorly with an 0-3 start, then they went on a four-game winning streak, followed that up with a four-game losing streak, and then another winning streak, this time a three-game stretch of wins. UMW was outshot on the season (497-535) and outscored as well (142-155), though they did record more saves than their opponent (187-155). Sophomore Harry Snyder and junior Mark Bowler

led the team lead in points as they each tallied 37 points (Snyder had 26 goals and 11 assists while Bowler had 25 goals and 12 assists). The hot-and-cold nature of the team was their M.O. and unfortunately they couldn't end hot as they fell to Salisbury in the semifinals of the CAC tournament by a score of 13-7.

While the men's lacrosse team was middle of the pack, the women's lacrosse team surged to a second place finish in the CAC regular season with an 11-4 overall record and a 6-1 conference mark. The Lady Eagles only trailed rival Salisbury in the standings and a mid-April loss to the Sea Gulls was the only blemish on UMW's CAC record. The Eagles drastically outshot their opponent on the year (541-374) and outscored them as well (236-171). Catherine Kennedy was an offensive force as she led the team in goals (66) and points (82). Allie Kimmelman was second on the team in points (70) and led the team with an astonishing 43 assists while still recording a solid 27 goals as well. Leigh Ann Redeker was the team's primary goal and recorded 94 saves on the season while tallying a save percentage just under 41 percent. UMW will get a shot to avenge their earlier loss against Salisbury earlier this year tomorrow, as the Eagles will square off against the Sea Gulls in the in the CAC championship game.

The UMW baseball squad was 18-10 overall and 10-8 in conference play before the CAC Tournament started last week. Then the Eagles went on an impressive run through the CAC Tournament in which they won four games, including victories over the three teams that finished ahead of them in the conference regular season (Salisbury, York, and Wesley). Their way to their first CAC title since 2005. Senior Will Wright led the team offensively.

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Courtesy of Clint Offen

The women's lacrosse team has had a splendid season so far, with an 11-4 record. They can cap off a great year by defeating Salisbury to win the CAC championship.

Men's Tennis Splits

By **MADALYN CROWELL**
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington's men's tennis team fell to Johns Hopkins 8-1 Sunday after defeating Hampden-Sydney 7-2 on Saturday. Both matches this weekend took place on the Eagles' indoor home courts. The men worked hard and felt prepared for the pair of matches so close together.

"We have been training extremely hard all season, so to have back to back matches was nothing out of the ordinary," senior Evan Goff said. "For NCAAAs we often have to play 3 matches back to back to back, and we are in such good tennis shape that we weren't affected."

Sophomore Andrew Frisk said that the 22nd ranked Eagles expected to win against 29th ranked Hampden Sydney, but knew that the match against No. 10 Johns Hopkins would be a much greater challenge for the team.

"Hopkins played better than we did on Sunday and that was the difference between winning and losing," Frisk said. "But we are definitely improving."

Eagles Head Coach Todd Helbling was happy with the victory that the Eagles earned on Saturday.

"The match with Hampden Sydney went well. We got a very nice win at No. 1 doubles from senior Evan Goff and junior Kaz Murata. They are currently ranked No. 4 in the Atlantic South Region and in line to qualify for the NCAA Doubles Championships," Helbling said.

Despite the later loss to Johns Hopkins, Helbling was proud of his team's performance, particularly in the win taken by the No. 1 doubles team, Evan Goff and Brian Hope, which Helbling called a "big match."

"We played some close sets, but we weren't

good enough," Helbling said. "They are a very strong team, but we still need to be tougher and better. Overall, our guys have definitely been improving throughout the season, so that is a great positive."

The Eagles have had a tough season, playing some great teams, including 11 top 25 teams in the nation and even a few division one teams. They have not been completely satisfied with their season, especially with a few upsetting, tough 4-5 losses. The players hope to take the CAC final win over Salisbury University,



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The men's tennis team's record moved to 12-11 on the season and they will have a shot to claim the CAC championship tomorrow against Salisbury.

Friday and think that it will help to salvage the season. Goff is confident that the team's upward slope will continue.

"A moderately successful season can change into a successful season with us capturing the CAC finals again over Salisbury on Friday and having a chance to continue on into NCAAAs as a team," Goff said.

Athletes of the Week

Track and Field senior Matt Cash gets the men's honor this week after a strong showing at the CAC Championships, including a new school record in the 800 meter event with a time of 1:51.79. The women's honor this week goes to Katie Wallis, who recorded seven points (six goals and one assist) in the teams last two contests.